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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CLAIM

REF: A. LUSAKA 610; B. STATE 48203

1. WITH INFORMATION IN REFTEL A, UNITED HAS NOW BEEN ABLE TO TRACE PART OF ITS RECORDS ON SUBJECT CASE, AND CONFIRMS THAT COMPUTER RECORDS DLRS 311 DISCREPANCY IN FAVOR OF PASSENGER YAMBA. MS. HASTLESTAD ADVISED DEPTOFF THAT SHE IS WILLING TO WRITE CHECK IN DOLLARS FOR AMOUNT, BUT IS AWAITING OUR ADVICE. WE PRESUME SHE WOULD MAKE PAYABLE TO UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN UPON RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT'S WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS TO THAT EFFECT.

2. ON BASIS OF TELECON WITH HEROLD AT MICHIGAN PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF ABOVE INFORMATION, DESKOFF BELIEVES HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SETTLE FOR DLRS 311 REFUND IN LIEU OF PAYMENT IN FULL, SIMPLY TO CLOSE CASE.

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3. PROBLEM IS ZAMBIAN AIRWAYS ROLE. DEPARTMENT PRESUMES THAT ZAMBIAN AIRWAYS EXPECTS THAT DLRS 311 WILL ACCRUE TO ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE HOLDINGS, AND THAT REFUND WOULD

BE GIVEN TO EMBASSY IN KWACHA. IF WE SHORT-CIRCUIT THAT PROCESS AND PASS DOLLAR FUNDS DIRECTLY TO MICHIGAN, GRZ WILL PRESUMABLY NOT BE PLEASED.

4. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING ASKING UNITED TO MAKE REFUND TO ZAMBIAN AIRWAYS. IF THIS IS DONE, WHAT IS PROSPECT THAT EMBASSY CAN RECONVERT TO DOLLARS TO SETTLE WITH MICHIGAN?

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